

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular meeting called to order October 18, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Thomas Striffler

Present: Mayor Thomas Striffler, Council Members Dick Pouliot, Mike Henry, Rick Lipan, Joe Greene, Amanda Langmaid, Charlotte Kish

Absent: None

Others in Attendance: Brent D. Morgan – City Manager, Karen Snider – City Clerk/Treasurer and other guests

AGENDA APPROVAL: Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Kish to approve the agenda with one addition under Consent Agenda: two additional invoices. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – Proposed Ordinance #435 – Parking Vehicles in City of Caro – This ordinance has been in the works for some time. It was partially a result of the Michigan Blue Print. An Ad Hoc Committee (Parking Committee) was created and several options were presented by the group to the Policy Committee. The Policy Committee deliberated and came up with recommendations to Council that were directed to the City attorney to establish an ordinance.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT – New Light Child & Family Institute – Richard O. Watkins Jr. & Sandy Hurst – It is a family service agency providing individual and family counseling, foster care, adoption and family support services. The institute serves Tuscola, Saginaw, Lapeer, Genesee and surrounding counties. They have 14 employees and two qualified professional therapists. They can be reached by calling (989) 672-0784 or E-mail newlight1@tds.net

COMMUNICATION:

Mayor Striffler noted the communications. Council asked the manager to get the status on well #7 as to the wiring issue.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes – Regular Council – October 4, 2010
2. Policy Minutes – October 13, 2010
3. Invoices
4. Department Report
 - a. Police Report – Chief Brian Newcomb
 - b. Fire Report – Chief David Mattlin
 - c. Parks & Recreation – (Unavailable)
 - d. DPW/Water Report – Charles Sundblad
 - e. Blight Report – (Unavailable)
 - f. WWTP – Curtis Wells
 - g. Municipal Parking Violations Bureau Report – Karen Snider

Moved by Henry, seconded by Greene to approve the consent agenda including the invoices for payment as presented. Motion carried. Concern was raised as to the fire department mutual aid increase from 2006 to present. The manager will find out what communities are receiving mutual aid and how much manpower is utilized.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Close Public Hearing – **Moved by Greene, seconded by Kish to close the public hearing on Proposed Ordinance No. 435 – Parking Vehicles in the City of Caro. Motion carried.**
2. Decision on Public Hearing –**Moved by Greene, seconded by Kish to adopt Ordinance #435 – Parking Vehicles in the City of Caro. Motion carried.**
3. DDA Recommendation for Easement - **Moved by Lipan, seconded by Pouliot to authorize the City of Caro attorney to meet with the attorney representing H.H. Purdy LLC and the attorney representing the County on this project regarding the requested easement for the building at 125 W. Lincoln and draft an easement in the best interest of the City of Caro to enable ingress and egress to the building with the understanding that there is no loss of City parking and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk /Treasurer to execute an easement. Motion carried.**
4. Commercial/Industrial Reappraisal Proposal – **Moved by Greene, seconded by Lipan to authorize the City of Caro to enter into an agreement with Landmark Appraisal Company to perform the services as prescribed in Article 5.0 of the executed contract between the city and county for assessing services not to exceed \$32,000 with payment to be approved by the County Equalization Director and to authorize the City Manager, City Clerk/Treasurer and Mayor to execute the agreement/proposal. Motion carried.**
5. Employee Identification Policy #10-24 – **Moved by Kish, seconded by Langmaid to approve the City of Caro Employee Identification Policy #10-24 as presented. Motion carried.**
6. Division of Assets (Indianfields Township) - **Moved by Henry, seconded by Lipan to approve the recommendation from the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem to be authorized to contact an attorney to assist in reaching a settlement with Indianfields Township on the division of assets with the City of Caro pursuant to MCL 117.14. Roll Call: 6 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention (Kish) Motion carried.**
7. Lift Station #10 –Another pump has failed. The City Manager would like a Finance Committee scheduled to go over the financial costs. Finance is set for October 25 at 3:30 p.m. for the Lift Station #10 and 1st quarterly report.

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:

1. None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. DDA – Minutes are in packet.
2. Set Finance – November 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. for review of the Audit with ATBD.
3. Policy – Will be meeting with Exchange Club representatives.

MANAGER COMMENTS:

1. The manager reported on the Poet fire and also advised Council that the plant will be down for 5 days; however not due to the fire. The DeShano project is in compliance with the site plan. Mrs. Morgan made a CD of the Tuscola County Pumpkin Parade for each Council member. The manager presented a spreadsheet containing the voting results of the marijuana ballot proposal.

CLERK'S REPORT:

1. The clerk reported that there are 121 applications for absentee ballots. Also, the clerk has been notified that it is highly likely that their will be both poll watchers and challengers at the General Election. Dillion Hollsey has been added as a volunteer firefighter effective October 1, 2010. Retirement party for Kukulski, Ball and Mattlin is Wednesday.

Mike Henry, representing the Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival, thanked all the volunteers for their help with the parade and entire festival.

Mayor Striffler reported that the next Cass River Greenway Planning meeting will be held October 20, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the City of Vassar Office. Items for the future are upper Cass River water trail, youth education/involvement and volunteer stream monitoring grant.

Moved by Langmaid, seconded by Kish to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Karen J. Snider, City Clerk/Treasurer